

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL Grade 7-12

GRADE 7
Benjamin (Bart) Barnes, Jesse Robert Holloway, Charles Brandon Petty, Carla Ann Roberts, Deann Smith

GRADE 8
Amanda Michelle Adkins, George Austin Boothe, Jack Rushing Brunson, Chelsea Grace Cooper, Katie Elizabeth Crowe, Brittany Danielle Daniels, Frances Fleming, English, Katherine Michelle Grimes, Ashley Lynn Harrelson, Jonathan David Woodworth, Reese Grantham, Cobie Tarrill Gray, Charles Bradford Holley, Donna Paige Hudson, William Justin Maddox, Jennifer Lynn Mills, Daniel Matthew Murdock, Jessica Smith, Brandon Wade, Aubrey La-neta Williams, Bobbie Jo York

GRADE 9
Amanda Renee Beerensrauch, Candace Chawneka Coleman, Bethany Lynn Dye, Cammie Renee Kelley, Amy Marie Kirkland, Keitha Michelle Lewis, Rosalinda Amy McKinnon, Valencie Lashay Moore, Tamisia Tyson

GRADE 10
Natasha Lynn Bannin, Hannah Vaughn Boyd, Melissa Brook Grantham, Kylie Raeann McCollough, Monique Jeanel Ordon, Karen Spruill, Leslie Adonna Stinson, Shanna Michelle Tillis

GRADE 11
John Lanco Boutwell, Lee Alan English, Mica Devon Fanning, Deana N. Farris, Casey Marie Henderson, Diana Lynn Jackson, Anna Clair Maddox, Julie Elizabeth Roberson, Shannille Lorraine Rowe, Elizabeth Gayle Stephens, Daniel Windsor Ward

GRADE 12
Stephen Adcock, Kristen Jennifer Dubisar, Larry Matthew Farris, Anna Ruth Head, Denise Leigh Kelly, Misty Michelle Kelley, Shannon Delisa Lott, Brandie Nicole Mann, Marsha Ivy Mauldin, Cintia Macedo Nunes, Latisha Denise Reed, Walt Mace Russell, Elizabeth Strong

A & B

GRADE 7
William Christoph Brunson, Joseph Kyle English, Sheena Flowers, Heather Nichole Hays, Shawna Le-dictrian Hill, Devri Diane Kilcrease, Blake Dudley Lambert, Russell (Trey) Lindsey III, Lagina Taska Mack, Freddy M. Mallory Jr., Stephen Blaine Pope, Jennifer Olene Smith, Kristy Wynell Ward, Danae Ann Ware, Samantha Christi Williams

GRADE 8
Charly Lynn Barlow, Rachel Ellen Bludworth, Brenton Lee Bowers, Tammy Baranda Briti, Brandy Nicole Davis, Christopher Ray Eiland, Demarius Monte Howe, Thomas Evan Maddox, Kishonda Lynette McGill, James Lowayne Sparks, Amanda Lynn Spicer, Shannon Lee Winters

GRADE 9
Job Lee Bowers, Chanashya Renee Carpenter, Jimbo Drexel Cook, Oneida Lashay Davis, Jerry Joshua Dubose, Amber Fleming, Kenneth Neil Grantham, Carlos Lashay Hollo-way, Heather Michelle Hudson, Summer Lary, Cassandra Nicole Lindsey, Leanne Maloria, Cynthia Renee Mitchell, Lacinda Parrish, Brandon Ray Salter, Christopher Alan Sasser, Jeremy Paul Sasser, James Blake Streaman

GRADE 10
Emilee Benbow, Gregory Paul Bowers, Linda Gideon, Thomas Aaron Holland, Brandy Mills, Brandy Gail Phillips, Ben Mitchell Purvis, Dustin Lee Stinson, Kendra Marshale Vaughn, Kimberly Ward, Cassius James Wilson

GRADE 11
Angie Elizabeth Crocker, Laura De-laine Crowe, Alisha Lee Culliver, Ayetisha Patricia Daniels, Glenn Alan Davis, Kevin Gerard Dodd, Derrick DeWayne Duncan, Michael Urale Goodwin, Reese Grantham, Cobie Tarrill Gray, Charles Bradford Holley, Donna Paige Hudson, William Justin Maddox, Jennifer Lynn Mills, Daniel Matthew Murdock, Jessica Smith, Brandon Wade, Aubrey La-neta Williams, Bobbie Jo York

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Luke Bludworth, Scotty Bradshaw, Andrea Elaine Carney, Jacob "Jake" Thomas Cowen, Cassie Crittenden, Ayetisha Connel Cumberland, Lashay Steven Daniels, Andrew Lee Daugherty, Ronald Herold Davis II, Heather Beth Dubose, Brandie Nicole Siler, Katherine Lashay Lee, Gayla Christine Long, Chad Daniel Mashburn, Lisa Ann Owens, Marcus Bernard Parker, Mark Kennel Reed, Jason Lamar Sasser, Denarcus Le-dell Siler, Sha-kira Simone Stephens, Tamicka Tanks, Bonnie Lynn Vaughn, Melissa Dawn Welch

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

DEBORAH D. THEWS

Navy Seaman Apprentice Deborah D. Thews, a 1996 graduate of New Brockton High School, recently completed a seven-day port visit to Haifa, Israel, while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy, currently on a six-month deployment in the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf.

During the port visit, Thews and fellow crew members hosted more than 1600 visitors and completed 11 community relations projects including painting, landscaping an orphanage and the Sacred Heart Convent for Disabled Children, where the carrier's Gospel Choir performed.

Thews joined the Navy in August 1996.

ROBERT FLEMING
Navy Seaman Recruit Robert Fleming, son of Dorena and Robert Fleming Sr. of Elba, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Fleming completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on natural customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness. Fleming and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values - honor, courage and commitment - and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct.

He is a 1997 graduate of New Brockton High School.

ESJC NOTES

Colleges change to semester system

Enterprise State Junior College, along with the other two-year colleges in the state will be changing to the semester system in the fall of 1998. This change for two-year colleges comes as a result of action by the Alabama State Board of Education.

The semester format will allow students to easily transfer credit earned at ESJC to many four-year colleges and universities, including the University of Alabama and Auburn University. Current ESJC students (and those new students who will enroll winter, spring, and summer) will work closely with their academic advisors to make the transition a smooth one. Students are being encouraged to take course sequences prior to the change-over if at all possible.

College passes third year of excellent audits
Enterprise State Junior College has received the third consecutive perfect audit under the tenure of President Dr. Stafford L. Thompson and Interim Business Manager Mrs. Patsy B. Lunsford.

Mrs. Lunsford was appointed Interim Business Manager on Sept. 1, 1994; the college has received "no findings or recommendations" status with audits for 1993-94, 1994-95, and 1995-96.

Wiregrass pottery master holds special show
Enterprise State Junior College will host a special show by Dothan pottery master David L. Plunkett Nov. 2 - Dec. 5 in the Conner Gallery located inside Talmadge Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Plunkett began his experience with pottery in 1990 when he took a class in handbuilt pottery. He is self-taught on the wheel and now makes and builds and wheel-thrown pottery. He has developed his own glaze recipes and has his studio at his home. Plunkett also built his own Raku kiln for special firing in that beautiful technique.

The artist is originally from Ithaca, N.Y.; however, he and his wife Mary have lived in Dothan for 22 years. He teaches pottery classes at ESJC and has a course on coil pottery slated for winter quarter.

For more information about the exhibit, call Ms. Faye Earnest at 334/393-ESJC, Ext. 255. For more information about the pottery courses, call 334/393-ESJC, Ext. 234.

Stan Windham - County Extension Agent

Cotton seed is rich economical cow feed

With the increase in cotton production around the Wiregrass and Coffee County, and with oats on short supply and corn prices up, more people than ever are interested in feeding whole cotton seed.

There is a lot of concern from time to time that cows will founder on whole cotton seed, or that a bull will be sterilized if fed whole cotton seed, as well as other concerns.

Whole cotton seed has an extremely high fat content. The energy in it runs around 98 percent, which is about as high as any feed I know. The protein runs about 25 percent.

Beef cattle of the high fat content, theoretically, cattle should almost self-limit themselves on eating whole cotton seed; however, I have never totally trusted this. So I still recommend hand feeding so many pounds per head per day. I just feel this is the safest way. I know for a fact that there are producers around the country who are feeding whole cotton seed free choice and have not had any problems. Still, I guess it makes me a little uneasy to feed something that high in energy free choice.

I have talked to several nutritionists as it relates to feeding herd bulls whole cotton seed and about the rumor of the high fat content. The energy in it runs around 98 percent, which is about as high as any feed I know. The protein runs about 25 percent.

Most nutritionists tell me that bulls would have to ingest a massive quantity for a long extended period of time to ever cause any kind of sterilization.

If you are still concerned about this, however, I would encourage you to talk to your veterinarian, or give me a call to talk to anyone else you think might have some experience along these lines and satisfy yourself before you feed it. At least at this point there is no research to validate the claim that whole cotton seed will cause a bull to go sterile.

When feeding whole cotton seed there are several ways to do it. Some people mix it in broiler litter, others feed it free choice, and others feed so many pounds per head per day right on the ground. The latter is probably the most common way it is fed.

KINSTON ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL Grade 1-6

GRADE 1
Dillon Fuller, Courtney Hall, Meaghan Hawdome, Wesley Hunko, Hollie Kilcrease, Erick Odom, Ash-ton Parker, Nickolas Weeks, Tyler Wilson

GRADE 2
Clay Craig, Whitney Davis, Aaron Jacobs, Ashley E. Kelley, Heather Marlowe, Ashley McCall, John Moss, Courtney Pierce, Caitlin Tindell, Beth Vaughn, Christie Whigham, Monica Wilford, Rebecca Yates

GRADE 3
Brook Barlette, Josh Grice, Trey-wick Kendrick, Chris Smith, Zane Spahn, Brittany Thomaston, Courtney Weeks

GRADE 4
Ashley Carter, A.J. Davis, Britney Donaldson, Josh Driver, Emily Farris, John Francisco, Timell Harrison, Josh Holum, Brittany Hunko, Casey Mack, Garret Parker, Ramsey Phillips

GRADE 5
Breanna Hattaway, Brittany Holley, Tiffany Wilson

GRADE 6
Jerome Driver, Jonathan Hattaway, Daniel Holum, Amanda Lashley, Megan Piland, Hillary Sumblin

A & B

GRADE 1
Brian Bowdoin, Taylor Davis, Bryanna Edgar, A.J. Johnson, Alix Kelley, Allen Mack, Caleb Norris, Calina Norris, Emily Parker, Eric Reese, Jessica Reeves, Chris Scofield, Jessie Sessions, Eric Wise

GRADE 2
Shayla Ballard, Suzanne Chance, Whitney Davis, Brittney Dubose, Erick Ellis, J.R. Fleming, Shelley Fordham, Renea Gilmore, Amanda Gunn, Brittany Holley, Blake Johnson, Elizabeth King, Tiffany Lee, Deanna Manning, Ethan Nobles, Brandon Reese, Adam Ward, Jeremy Wiggins, Ben Wise

GRADE 3
Holly Boswell, Angel Francisco, Ashley Gass, T.J. Harrison, Rob Sanders, Lashea Smith

GRADE 4
Blaine Drury, Ashley Dubose, Jessie Greer, Danielle Kelley, Josh Lowery, Amber McCall, Amber McKinney, Ethan Nobles, Brandon Reese, Snell, Mindy Wise

GRADE 5
Justin Grimes, Amanda Jacobs, Billy Johnson, Marlene Parker, Josh Reeves, Mitchell Whaley

GRADE 6
Courtney Farris, Sha Farris, Michael Hattaway, Kacie Kelley, Ross Kelley, Haley Kilcrease, Meagan King, Bridgett Marlowe, Ashley Moore, Amber Rivers, Ashley Rushing, Lance Sherwood, Samantha Wambles, Jeremy Wiggins, Chase Williams, Ben Wise

KINSTON ELEMENTARY PERFECT ATTENDANCE

KINDERGARTEN
Alissa Atwell, Hunter Devine, Lee Devine, Gavin Free, Chelsey Gass, K.C. Hattaway, Whitney Hucus, Jacob Holum, Kit Johnson, Jonathan Johnson, Ric Johnson, Chelsea Weatherington, Marika Whitehurst, Abby Williams

GRADE 1
Crystal Baker, Taylor Davis, Amber Horton, Wesley Hunko, A.J. Johnson, Hallie Jowers, Brandon Pierce, Eric Reese, Jessie Sessions, Lane Taylor, Eric Wise

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MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE VOTING BEATS IS TABLED

Long meeting greets new commission chairman

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission lasted longer than usual with several items on the agenda creating several minutes of discussion.

Commissioner Robert Stephens, newly elected chairman, presided over the meeting.

Commissioners took care of "old business" carried over from their last meeting. The awarding of the bid for the emergency generator for the county's emergency management agency was tabled at the October 30th meeting.

Chairman Stephens recapped the bid and funding on the generator prior to asking for a vote from the commission.

H & H Equipment's (an Enterprise firm) low bid of \$28,424.00 was adjusted to \$28,324 at the request of Webb. The grant money received from the state for this project is \$18,750.00 leaving the amount to be furnished by the county at \$9,574.00.

Stephens noted that the original commitment on the generator, by the county, was \$6,250.00. He explained that the county will have to increase

its allocation by \$3,324.00. The EMA agreed to designate \$500 from its budget toward this project leaving the county's increased share at \$2,824.00 (\$9,074 from the county & \$500 from the EMA).

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Doug Dalrymple questioned the necessity of a 3-phase generator and other options that could possibly be deleted decreasing the cost of the generator.

The purchase of the generator was approved with Commissioners Dalrymple and Tom Grimsley casting dissenting votes.

Ronnie Kenington appeared before the commission to discuss a water problem on his property located at the intersection of County Roads 648 & 649.

According to Kenington, beavers have built a dam causing water to back up on his property. It has also hampered drainage of a pipe under the roadway.

After a short period of discussion, County Engineer Randy Tindell presented a resolution calling for the county to hire a beaver trapper to solve the problem. He noted that the dam could be removed; however, if the beavers are not captured, the problem will only return.

The commissioners agreed to go along with Tindell's suggestion.

Mary Jon Sneckenberger, chairperson of the Coffee County Board of Registrars, appeared before the commissioners seeking their help in accurately updating the county's voter list.

Coffee County man in wreck dies from gunshot wound to head

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

A Coffee County man died as a result of a gunshot wound to the head late Saturday evening.

Rescue and law enforcement personnel were called to the scene of a wreck on AL. Hwy. 189 north of Elba shortly before 7:00 p.m. last Saturday evening.

Upon their arrival, Elba Rescue Squad personnel found Jimmy Jones Bryan, 40, lying partially outside of an overturned pickup truck.

Jones was suffering from a severe wound to the head and had little or no vital signs. Rescuers began administering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and transported the victim to Elba General Hospital.

Emergency room personnel at EGH were able to sustain life support for Bryan and he was transported to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan.

While enroute to SEAMC via Coffee County EMS, Bryan's condition worsened and the ambulance stopped enroute at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

Emergency personnel were unable to revive Bryan and he was pronounced dead.

During a more thorough examination of his injuries, Flowers ER personnel discovered that Bryan had been shot in the head.

Authorities were notified and a more intense investigation was begun into what started out as an automobile accident.

During the removal of the wrecked vehicle, a 22 caliber revolver was discovered at the scene and had been retrieved by the state trooper investigating the accident.

According to preliminary reports, the wound and the projectile recovered from the victim's head were from a 22 caliber weapon.

During their preliminary investigation, authorities have ruled out foul play.

Bryan was last seen alive at 6:35 p.m. (Saturday) in Brantley, Alabama where he had made a purchase at a local grocery store.

The victim lived on a Brantley rural postal route but he lived in Coffee County. His residence is located on Co. Rd. 327.

Since Bryan was pronounced dead in a Houston County hospital, Coroner Robert Byrd will make the final determination as to the cause and manner of death in this case.

An autopsy was performed Monday, in Dothan, to determine the cause of death.

A joint investigation is being conducted by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, Alabama State Troopers, and the Alabama Department of Forensic Science.

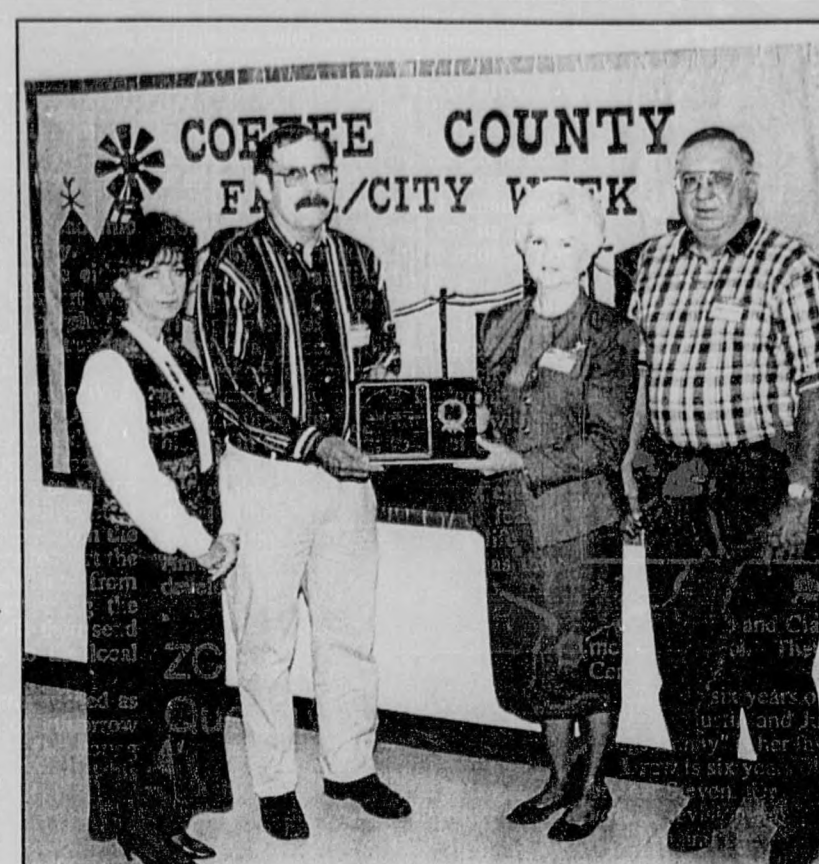
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Renita is a 1975 graduate of Elba High School and earned her education at Troy State University where she received a B. S. Degree in Psychology and Social Rehabilitation Services in 1979.

She worked with the Coffee County Department of Human Resources for nine years and is currently self-employed.

Renita said that she loves Elba and is looking forward to working with the Chamber for the continued growth and improvement of her hometown.



OUTSTANDING BUSINESS 1997...The Farm-City Week Committee has selected Windmill Lumber Company of Elba as the Outstanding Business of 1997. Jackie and Charlotte Windham accepted their award during a ceremony held last Thursday morning at the County Complex in New Brockton. The business opened more than 30 years ago in their old location on Payne Street in Elba with Jack B. Windham and his wife, Jessie, as owners and operators. Jack B. Windham, Jr., better known as Jackie, began in the family business in 1973, and has been with the business since that time, presently serving as vice-president and CEO. Windham Lumber Company purchased the flood-damaged Elba Elementary School and has restored the 11,000 sq. ft. area into a beautiful facility housing the business. A "Grand Opening" of the new location was held in August 1997. When contacted advising him of his nomination for this award, Jackie stated that he did not want to be mentioned because it is his employees that have made the business what it is today. Citizens of Elba and the surrounding community still remember Jackie's kindness and generosity in helping everyone after the flood of 1990. Making the presentation to Jackie and Charlotte (left) are Barbara Hudson, Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and Elba Mayor James E. Grimes (right).

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Elba city council gives support to local group organizing a Boys to Men Club

by Fernin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday evening to support the recently organized Boys to Men Club by leasing them a portion of the old school buildings to use as a meeting place.

Council member Winzell Gray told assembled city fathers that the movement to start the organization is about six months old. They have 30

plans to do is conduct sex education classes, help the young men stay in church, minister to them and their problems, attend school board meetings in their behalf and any other thing which might arise in the area which they can show a positive role model for the teenagers and pre-teens.

The Elba Water and Electric Board members voted Monday evening to begin the bid process to buy a new tractor before next spring.

The equipment will be used to do a better job of mowing around and under power lines. Superintendent James Grimes said they had the state bid price, but would rather buy locally if a comparable price is available.

Bills totaling \$31,283.16 were approved for payment.

The official holidays for city employees during the Christmas season will be Christmas Day and the following Friday. Normally city employees get Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. However, according to Mayor James Grimes, employees asked that this be changed for this year, to give them a long weekend.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported they were progressing with the project of securing an in-house NCIC machine and getting the people trained and officially qualified to operate it. He said a magnetic lock has been installed to keep anyone from entering the area of the police dispatchers with the door being opened from inside the dispatcher's work area. This will prevent unauthorized people getting into the area, Whitworth said.

The chief also told council members that a citizen out of the city limits, but in the police jurisdiction, wanted help in organizing a Neighborhood Watch and the Elba police would be working with the community group on this project.



ELBA CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WINZEL GRAY is shown holding one of the shirts being furnished to members of the newly formed Boys to Men Club.

** HAPPENINGS **

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES. State Football Playoff Games: The Kinston Bulldogs travel to Billingsley to take on the Billingsley Bears and Brantley's Bulldogs will host the Blue Devils from Not-asula. Kickoff for both games is at 7:30 p.m.

DISASTER SERVICE TRAINING. The Coffee County American Red Cross will hold introductory to Disaster classes in Kinston on Thursday, Nov. 13, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. and on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The classes are offered free of charge to individuals willing to volunteer. For information concerning the class or to sign up call the Red Cross office at 347-2641 or contact Chief Tim Jeter at the Kinston Police Department.

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS. The Coffee County Board of Education will meet Thursday (TONIGHT), Nov. 13, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. in the board room of the Board of Education Office in Elba. A work session, which is open to the public, will be held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the board meeting.

COFFEE COUNTY REPUBLICANS MEET. The Coffee County Republican Committee will meet Thursday (TONIGHT), Nov. 13, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. at Po'Folk's Restaurant on the Bolt Weevil Circle in Enterprise. Dinner and fellowship followed by a business meeting. Pat Duncan, Alabama's State Auditor, will be the guest speaker.

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III - MAD CITY	NOV 7-13	(PG-13)
IV - FAIRY TALE: A TRUE STORY	NOV 7-13	(PG)
V - THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE	NOV 7-13	(R)

College Cinema

I - STARBUCKS	NOV 7-13	(R)
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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Coffee County voters who failed to return a postcard received from the Board of Registrars could be in for a shock, come election day in Coffee County. We saw a computer printout this week with the names of a whole bunch of county residents who were once registered qualified voters... but aren't any more. The registrars explain they, by law, removed the names of those who didn't respond to their mail out cards. Now, to get registered again, go ahead and return the card, if you can still find it. Otherwise, call the Board of Registrars in New Brockton and ask for another one to be mailed to you. It is better to do so now than try to get re-registered on election day. The third option is to do nothing and let one headbashed voter decide for everyone... 'cause our name is not among those struck off the list.

It is encouraging to see the flood control pump being unloaded in Elba this week. These are to complete the project to pump collected rainwater over the levee at times when the Pea River is up and the flap gates in the levee closed by the rising water as they are designed to do. As bad as we want these things to work when needed, hopefully it will be a long time before anyone knows for sure they will pump the amount of water necessary to protect the community.

Martha Nachman has resigned as Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Human Resources after coming under a public fire for claiming on her resume to having a degree from UCLA when the college reportedly said they have no record of her ever attending the California school. While no degree is required for that job, honesty and trust is expected from those in any leadership positions. Falsifying a resume is grounds for dismissal from most any position and will hold up in any court of law. Why would someone add such untruths to their job resumes is a puzzle. In this case it was probably a harmless "white lie" to begin with, but was something she couldn't shake as she moved up the ladder of success. Now her career is in shambles and her detractors jumping with glee. Mrs. Nachman made some big mistakes, mostly because of speaking before she thought. However, one thing she did right, which got a lot of flak and a lawsuit was transferring trained human resource people from the Montgomery headquarters, back out into the field with the needy people. That lawsuit was won by Mrs. Nachman and we hope those transferred are helping the people in the various counties to which they were assigned. A lot of other government agencies, from the grassroots to Washington, should do the same thing.

Just about every organization has gotten some day, week or month "proclaimed" as the time to salute "us." Several years ago we read there were over 300 special weeks in this state alone. The press is right in there with the rest in proclaiming. However, November is Hospice month and these folks should get something more than a proclamation from the mayor. The work these unselfish and loving people do is invaluable to the terminally ill and the members of their family trying to cope with the bereavement. The service we see these dedicated volunteers giving... and with their ever present smile in the face of immeasurable stress... well there can be no price put on such a service. Any monetary value you suggest is underpricing their benefit to society. Their rewards will surely be bestowed in Heaven.

In a continuing effort to cut expenses, the Elba school staff members are proud of their successful efforts to cut utility bills. We hope the \$1,000 they report saving in September will turn out to be real success and not a side benefit of mild weather conditions! Actually, to hear that any substantial part of the \$1,000 was from economizing efforts would be good news for the taxpayers of Elba and Coffee County.

Last week we had some comments about the crackdown on speeding in New Brockton. Monday, an Elba man came in to report it was happening! He didn't get a ticket, but did get stopped because he didn't get slowed down to the 35 MPH as soon as the officer thought he should have done. He said, with a smile, "My wife and I were talking about your Brainstorms article at the time, and I promise they won't get me again."

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Commissioner Dalrymple made a motion that the matter be tabled until each commissioner could discuss this proposal with their constituents and get their feeling on this matter. The motion to table passed in a 4-3 vote (Commissioners Westbrook, Stephens, Lewis & Dalrymple voted for; Commissioners Grimley, Brooks, & Ayerett voted against). Other actions taken by the commission consisted of the following: ***Voted to advertise for someone to provide janitorial services for the county health department ***Agreed to administer a contract for the Department of Human Resources, at no cost to the county (state funded), for a JOBS case aide to work with welfare recipients in obtaining employment. ***Commissioners also agreed to participate in the signing of a resolution on November 19 promoting the recruitment of foster care families. ***Chairman Stephens to appoint a committee to study the possibility of forming a county-wide water authority. ***Gave Commissioner Brooks authority to sign checks in Chairman Stephens' absence. ***Approved the purchase of additional tables and chairs for the Farm Center.

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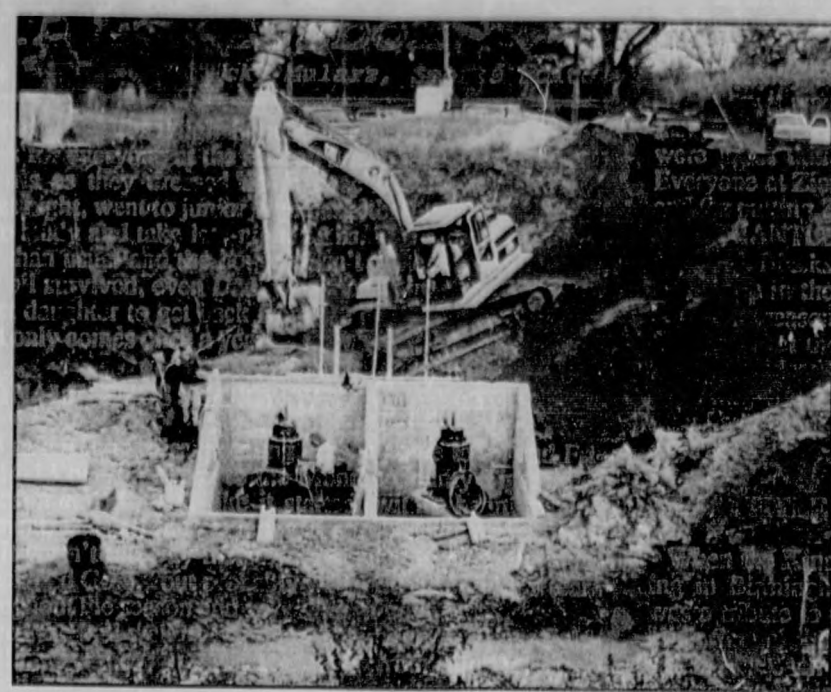
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THEY HAVE RETURNED... The contractor, George Hammer Construction of Samson, has returned to finish the flood mitigating project started in June. The project is located in the Putnam Street area in Elba and calls for the installation of a pumping system to pump rainwater trapped inside the levee up and over the levee. Monday, workers began installation of two 17,500 gallon per minute electric pumps and should be completed by the week's end. The pumps are designed to operate even when submerged under water. There will also be the capability of supplying electrical power to the pumps via a gasoline powered generator should electrical power be lost.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

NOVEMBER 3 Thru NOVEMBER 9, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 3, 1997, investigated the following incidents: two assaults, two harassing communications, one harassment, one recovery of a stolen vehicle, three criminal mischiefs, one personal injury, two public intoxications, one neglect of duty, three thefts of property, one failure to appear, two DUIs, and one failure to render aid.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: twenty-seven for speeding, two for an expired tag, two for driving while driver's license are suspended, two for improper tag, one for driving without a driver's license, one for driver's license required, one for no tag, one two for expired driver's license, one for no driver's license and one for DUI. Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - River stage - 8.85 feet (6:40 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - River stage - 8.42 feet (6:12 a.m.); Minor wreck at Elba High School (7:19 p.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - River stage - 7.95 (6:30 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - River stage - 6.97 feet (6:10 a.m.); Disturbance reported on AL Hwy 189N (4:58 p.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - Prowler reported on Carver Dr. (2:32 a.m.); River stage - 6.10 feet (6:21 a.m.); Rescue run from Elba High School to Elba General Hospital (9:45 p.m.); Rescue run to Mullins Apts. (10:15 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - River stage - 6.86 feet (6:22 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (8:35 a.m.); Rescue run to Big/Little Store East (10:10 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on East Davis (11:49 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Washington Ave. (12:15 p.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on AL Hwy. 189N (6:59 p.m.); Zion Chapel VFD dispatched to wreck on AL Hwy. 189N (7:00 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to wreck on AL Hwy. 189N (7:09 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at Mr. Henry's (10:26 p.m.); Prowler reported at Mullins Apts. (11:45 p.m.).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - River stage - 6.20 feet (6:44 a.m.); Reported with a gun (shots fired) at Burch's Trailer Court on Martin Luther King Dr. (4:12 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at the intersection of Highland Dr. and Claxton Ave. (10:46 p.m.).

REPORT A CRIME CALL CRIMESTOPPERS @ 897-3881

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2225. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.



HOSPICE MONTH WAS PROCLAIMED by Elba Mayor James Grimes on Monday of this week. Looking on is Amy Payne, of Enterprise, representing the Wiregrass chapter of Hospice.

The proclamation acknowledged the support Hospice gives the entire community and the knowledge, skills and compassion of the professionals and volunteers who make up the Hospice chapter.

Grimes encouraged "all government agencies, community organizations and citizens of Elba to participate in related activities and to support hospice and the vital services it offers the community during the month of November and throughout the year."

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Tell'em you read it in
The Elba Clipper

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of November 4, 1997 through November 10, 1997. They were: Samantha Bowman, Kailly Jernigan, John Williams, Charles Bradley Cox, Latanda Tyson, Mary Jo Daniels, Ruby McWaters, Helen Farris, James Capps, James Henderson, McAlra Leverett, Shawana Adams, Alma Caylor, Kellie Sanders, Inez Sanders, Caroline Powell, Donna Parker, Bruce Durga, Juanita Robinson, Sage Kelley, Sedon Edwards, Venencia Magwood, and Ethel Abernethy.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Grady McWaters, Mary E. Bryan, William Kilpatrick, Carol Harbuck, Mary Jo Daniels, Ladon Rhoades, Winnie Qualls, Charles Bradley Cox, Henry Eiland, Ida Mae Hooks, Tammatha Bowman, John Williams, James Henderson, Kailly Jernigan, Sabrina Slenker, James Capps, Caroline Powell, Kellie Sanders, McAlra Leverett, Inez Weeks, Crystal Bennett, Shawana Adams, Donna Parker, Sedon Edwards, and Grady Brooks.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Let's talk for a moment on the School Prayer issue that is on the front burner now. None of us wish to force those of other faiths to be given anything but responsible respect.

Do we really have a problem concerning prayer in our schools, or are we straining at a gnat of assumed violations of the establishment of religion by the schools and swallowing the camel of a flagrant undemocratic take-over of our government by those who have unbridled power to promote the agenda of their choice.

A Federal judge (Ira DeMent) who has been on no ballot and who is not now accountable to the vote of the public and will not be accountable in the future, has handed down a decree, based solely on his opinion of what the law should be, demanding with the full force of his police power to have the citizens of this country obey, without question.

The case cannot be stated better than in a paragraph from Mr. Gary Carlyle's letter to the editors of the county newspapers. Mr. Carlyle is a brave man.

The paragraph is as follows: "We principals of DeKalb County were warned not to upset Judge DeMent. We were threatened not to anger the judge, or he would confiscate our money, imprisonment, or both. 'If the judge believes his opinion is not strictly adhered to, we were told, as school officials, we had no appeal and no recourse through the legal system of the United States. 'For that matter, neither did any other citizen who was believed to vi-

olate the judge's opinion have any appeal or recourse. "Any citizen that commits a crime, no matter how violent or harmful to society, has due process through the courts. However, if school prayer is mentioned by the school official, there is no recourse; the official is completely at the mercy of the court."

Friends, no matter what your opinion or view on prayers in school is, one thing is very clear: we are now under the rule and whip of appointed, activist Federal judges who have the power to decree law and punish at will any who wish to.

If you like it this way, hurry and get on their bandwagon. In the event you wish our country to remain a democracy and be controlled by your vote, you had best get to doing something to that effect. So, get up, grab a pen and pour out your heart to our lawmakers who can do something about it. Talk without action will not get it. Lawmakers are elected and nothing moves them like a heart-felt letter from their voters.

Please, for all that is good in this great country of ours - write your Congressman, Senators, Governor, President and church leaders. Write those who agree with you and those who don't. Grandpa said, "Even God Almighty has a coward," so stand up and be counted. Sincerely,
Barnett Wilson

AREA DEATHS

LILLIE MAE WAMBLES

Mrs. Lillie Mae Wambles, age 84, of Samson, died Nov. 7, 1997, at the Ochs Nursing Facility.

Funeral services were held Nov. 9, 1997, at 2 p.m. from Ino Assembly of God, with Rev. Chester Holley officiating.

Burial was in Ino Assembly Cemetery, with Rainer Funeral Home of Ochs directing.

Survivors include two sons: James Verlon Wambles, Samson; and John Edward Wambles, Kinston; one sister, Mary Ann Adkins, Enterprise; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

Pre-need Funeral Planning now available at Hayes Funeral Home for details 897-2225

GINNIE B. CROSBY

Mrs. Ginnie B. Crosby, age 86, of Chancellor, died Nov. 6, 1997, at Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Nov. 10, 1997, at 2 p.m. at Fairview Baptist Church, with Rev. Donald Hall and Rev. Howard Moore officiating.

Burial followed in Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery, with Searcy Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Survivors include four daughters: Ruby Elizabeth Tidwell, Chancellor; Blondell Byram, Bell, Fla.; Jeanette Mote, Glenwood, Fla.; James Crosby, Woodbury, N.J.; Roy Crosby, Plymouth, Fla.; Robert Crosby, Pine Bluff, Ark.; one sister, Ruby Norris, Paxton, Fla.; two brothers: John D. Daughtry, Columbus, Ga.; William Daughtry, Phenix City, 24 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

JIMMY JONES BRYAN

Mr. Jimmy Jones Bryan, age 40, of Brantley, died Nov. 8, 1997, at Flowers Hospital.

Funeral services were held Nov. 12, 1997, at 11 a.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Wayne Webber and Rev. Richard Moss officiating.

Burial was in Pine Level Community Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Charlotte Bryan, Brantley; one daughter: Jerri Leigh Bryan, Brantley; father: George M. Bryan Sr., Brantley; one sister: Bobbie Bow-Bryan, Brantley; one brother: George M. Bryan Jr., Brantley.

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Elba Christmas Festival planned for Saturday, November 29

Elba's 10th annual Christmas Festival will be held Saturday, Nov. 29, on the square in downtown Elba. Chamber of Commerce plans call for activities to begin at 9 a.m. and last throughout the day.

The Chamber asks that everyone who sponsored a tree last year meet on the square Saturday, Nov. 22, to decorate their tree, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Elba Police and Fire Departments will grill hamburgers and hot dogs for those who are doing the decorating.

"The lighted trees added much to the Christmas atmosphere last year, and we very much appreciate our 'tree sponsors,'" said Chamber Director Renita Marler.

The festival will provide a wide variety of arts and crafts, as well as food booths set up around the square.

"There will be something for everyone," Marler pointed out.

The Miss Christmas Pageant will be held at 11 a.m., with five categories: ages 2-4; grades K-3; 4-6; 7-9 and 10-12.

Contestants will be dressed in Christmas attire, and all are eligible to ride the float in the Christmas parade.

A lighting ceremony will be held at 4:45 p.m. with a "very special person" and Mayor James E. Grimes officiating.

Immediately following the lighting ceremony, the Christmas parade will begin, to be led by the "Magical Christmas" float.

As this float passes by, onlookers are asked to place on it a toy, canned food, clothing item, or a gift. These items will be given to needy families in the area.

"This float received a wonderful response last year," said Marler, "and we anticipate an even better one this year, as it truly exemplifies

the real meaning of Christmas."

The parade will conclude as usual with Santa Claus aboard the fire truck, throwing candy to all the children (young and old).

Santa's appearance marks the official beginning of the Christmas season in Elba.

Everyone is invited to "spend the day around the square" on Christmas Festival Day in Elba.

Wiregrass United Way 1997 Coffee County Campaign

"Investing in Hope"



UNITED WAY OF COFFEE COUNTY awarded 13 Venture Grants to area organizations with specific projects to benefit community residents this past year. The amount of funds available for the one-time allocations is dependent on the success of the United Way campaign each year. The campaign stands at 50 percent of goal as of Monday with volunteers looking to raise the additional funds by Friday, Nov. 14 when the annual campaign ends. (Courtesy photo)

UNITED WAY UPDATE COFFEE COUNTY

Goal: **\$193,000**

Raised so far: **\$80,408**
41.7%

Campaign ends: **Nov. 14**

United Way Agencies Serving Coffee County

Alabama Easter Seal Society	F.A.C.E.S.
Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind	Girl Scouts of America
American Red Cross	House of Ruth
Boy Scouts of America	National Kidney Foundation
Christian Mission Centers	Salvation Army Service Center
Elba Public Library	South Central Alabama Mental Health Board
Enterprise Public Library	S.E. Alabama Youth Services
Enterprise School Health Sves.	Vivian B. Adams School
Enterprise YMCA	Wiregrass Area UW Food Bank
4-H Program, Coffee County	Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center

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Social Notes

Miss Huggins and Mr. Davis to be united in marriage Saturday, November 15th



Miss Huggins & Mr. Davis

Mr. Jerry Huggins of Elba and Ms. Jerice Barnes of Enterprise announce the engagement of their daughter, Daphne Dawn Huggins, to Kevin Dwayne Davis of Brantley, son of Mr. Fred Davis of Eufaula and Mrs. Shirley Morris of Arton.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Huggins and the late Mr. James P. Pynes and Mrs. Lillian Pynes, all of the Pine Level Community.

She is a graduate of Elba High School. The wedding is planned for Nov. 15, at six o'clock in the evening at Rocky Head Baptist Church in Arton.

All friends and relatives are invited.

NOTICE

The OPERATION SANTA CLAUS drive is underway in Elba. If you have any new or slightly used toys that you would like to donate, please drop off by the Elba Police Department. These toys will be used for the Elba Area only!



Elizabeth Farris English

Elizabeth Farris English is one year old

Miss Elizabeth Farris English, "the apple of her daddy's eye," celebrated her first birthday Wednesday, Nov. 5, at her home in Dothan.

Her theme was "Mickey and Minnie Mouse," which included lots of balloons, ice cream, cake and some gifts.

Helping Farris celebrate were her parents, Chris and Kristi English; grandparents, Robert and Nellie English; Ruth Granberry and Kevin Granberry; great-grandparents, Mrs. Herbert Holloway Sr., Mrs. Virginia Granberry, and Mr. and Mrs. Ethel Kilgore.

DEADLINE FOR SOCIAL NEWS IS MONDAY!!!

Wiregrass Lung Association to sponsor beauty pageant

The Wiregrass Region of the American Lung Association of Alabama, which covers the nine-county area, presents the 1997-98 Miss Christmas Seal Pageant, to be held Sunday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. in the LPN auditorium of Wallace Community College in Dothan.

Age divisions include 4-6 years; 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16 and up. Winners will represent the Wiregrass Region of the American Lung Assn. throughout 1998 and reign over all SummerFest '98 events.

For application information call the American Lung Assn. office at 794-4925 or Gayle Reynolds at 347-0039 or 347-1902.

Opp Christmas Parade planned

Opp's Christmas parade will be held Thursday, Dec. 4, beginning at 7 p.m. in downtown Opp. Theme for this year is "My Favorite Things."

All businesses, churches, civic and school groups are invited to place an entry in the parade. Applications are available at the Opp Chamber of Commerce office, located at 101 E. Ida Ave. Interested persons are asked to go by or call the Chamber at 493-3070 to place an entry.

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PASTOR'S CORNER Re. Marvin C. Ennis Elba United Methodist Church

What is the one way to worship?

This was a very fine question when Jesus came. The Samaritans felt that the true worship of God was done in Mount Gerizim. The Jews said that the true temple was in Jerusalem. The Samaritan woman Jesus met at the well said, "Our fathers worshipped in this mountain, and ye say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

This expressed the tone of the debate between Samaritans and Jews. Jesus responded by saying, "The hour cometh and now is when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. This was a statement that would have found very little support in either Samaria or Jerusalem.

Where or how did Jesus say we ought to worship? He said, "The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth." The secret of true worship lies not in the forms or rituals we use; rather, the secret of true worship is found in the spirit of the one who is worshipping.

Church groups differ in the way rituals are used. The secret of true worship is found neither in the rituals nor in the approach. The secret is found within the individual worshiper. Is he or she reaching out and touching God? If not, it is not true worship regardless of the approach or the rituals being used.

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MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION NEWS

GOSPEL SING

The Mustard Seed Foundation Church will have a Gospel Singing on Saturday, Nov. 15, beginning at 7 p.m.

Featured group will be the Ainsworth Family Singers. Everyone is invited.

The Church is located on Coffee Co. Rd. 211 in the Victoria Community.

Several members were absent due to illness.

The members of the Foundation would like to invite other seniors to join them each Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Foundation in the Victoria Community on Coffee Co. Rd. 211.

They will be having their Thanksgiving luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Members observing birthdays for the month of November include Linnie McCollough, Doyle Wilkerson and Grace Wilkerson.

For more information call 897-6647 or 735-2453.

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***Scripture: Rev. 4:1-9

***Thinking of you, praying for you: the Owens, King, and Bullard families; Hannah Coleman, Rev. J.R. Parks, Rev. E. Magwood, Rev. Charles Lane, Edith Elliott.

***Giving: Never be afraid of giving up your best, and God will give you his best.

Alice Freney of Dozier is the wife of Rev. E. Freney and the daughter of the late Mr. Jim and Bama Tyson. She is the mother of eight children and grandmother of nine.

She is a member of Mt. Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Rose Hill, Ala. Rev. C. Frasier, pastor.

She is president of the Mt. Chapel Church Choir, vice president of the Missionary Society, president of the Mulberry Baptist Women's Convention, vice president of the Women's Convention in the East Star District.

She is a member of the Women's Convention in the East Star District, a member of the Women's Convention of Eastern Star and a student at Howard Extension College for Religious Education, Andalusia, Ala.

God bless, Mrs. Freney!

***Annual Men and Women's Day, Pea Creek Baptist Church, Louisville, Nov. 16. Rev. Jimmy Fryer, pastor.

Guest minister - Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor Rocky Head and Shiloh Baptist Churches.

Sunday School will be held at 10 a.m. and regular worship at 11:15 a.m. and devotion at 11:30 a.m. - musical - Pea Creek Choir, announcements - Sis. Shannon McClendon.

2 p.m. service - devotion - Dea. Albert Grubbs, Sis. Ada Steward and Sis. Shellee Baxter; music by guest choir; welcome and occasion - Bro. Bryant Daniels and Sis. Robbie.

Shepherd's Fold Church of God will be selling barbecue, Boston Butts on Nov. 15, 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the church.

The Boston Butts may be purchased whole or chopped at \$4.00 per pound. Barbecue sandwiches will also be available.

Community Thanksgiving Service to be held at Westside Baptist Church in Elba at 6:00 p.m.

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***Appreciation Service for Bro. Roderick Rideaux, pianist for Rocky Head M.B. Church, will be held Saturday night, Nov. 15, at 6 o'clock at the Rocky Head M.B. Church in Elba.

Come out and help uplift the name of Christ Jesus through songs and praise. Your presence will be greatly appreciated!

***Benefit for Roderick McBride will be held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 16, at 6 o'clock at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Elba.

All choirs, groups and soloists invited. Roderick was diagnosed with leukemia in July of 1997. He is the son of Lomie and Corlis McBride and grandson of Cora McBride.

All donations will be appreciated. ***This is a good day - be grateful! Eria

Timeline 1957: The District of Columbia Bar Association admits African American members for the first time.

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by Beth Leverett
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Each of the students chosen receive by certified mail from the NYLC, information on the things they will do see while attending the conference. The students chosen do decide to attend the Conference the NYLC will contact the representatives and senators from the home districts of the students to alert Congressmen that some students from their home state will be attending the conference. The NYLC will then send press releases to distribute to the local news media.

The students will be distinguished by outstanding young leaders of tomorrow and will be joining other aspiring young leaders from across the nation for a unique learning experience. They will meet with high ranking government officials, members of Congress, representatives of the international diplomatic community, national media figures and distinguished scholars.

Students who attend the conference will leave with a deeper understanding of our democratic form of government and will be better equipped to take on the leadership challenges of tomorrow. While in Washington, D.C. they will

ZCES Students Attend College Class

by Amanda Sandberg

Thirty students from the elementary, middle, and high school at Zion Chapel who are enrolled in Resource classes went to college for a class. The Resource classes are under the supervision of Mrs. Lou Ann Bryan and Mrs. Melinda Hodge.

The class they attended was on the campus of Troy State University and the name of the class was Exceptional Learners, an undergraduate and graduate level course whose instructor is Mrs.



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Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

It was homecoming at Elba High School last week, and while that meant a busy week for everyone at the school, it also meant a busy week for the Mulazs girls as they dressed up in special clothes every day, worked on floats at night, went to junior high basketball games and somehow found time to study and take late-night baths. The dirty clothes and the late-night baths were a little higher than usual and the house wasn't quite a scene out of a magazine, but we all survived, even Dad, who waited up until after midnight for his oldest daughter to get back from the dance on Friday night. Thank goodness it only comes once a year!

ELBA DROPS FINALE, ENDS SEASON WITH 2-8 SLATE

The Elba Tigers saw a long, disappointing season come to an end Friday night with a 14-13 overtime loss to the Monroe County Tigers. For the Tigers, the season ended much like it started, with a heartbreaking loss to a 5A opponent, and left the players and coaches wondering what might have been. It wasn't the way the seniors wanted to close out their careers in the "Black and Gold," but probably was a fitting end for a team that struggled throughout the season and very seldom got a break.

The offense moved the ball well at times on the ground, but poor field-position and the cold, wet night prevented the Tigers from getting their air attack off the ground. With the Elba offense having to depend on its run-over game to put points on the scoreboard, it was obvious early on that it wasn't going to be a night that the Tigers would light up the scoreboard. Julian Mitchell had a big night at tailback and accounted for both Tiger touchdowns, but record-setting quarterback Derek Marler spent much of the night getting up off the ground, and hit only six of eleven passes for 31 yards and no touchdowns, by far his worst outing of the season. The offense had two additional chances to get in the endzone during the first half, but saw one opportunity end with a pass interception, and the second chance at the Monroe County six-yard line after the "Tigers" passed on the chance to try a short field-goal. It simply was not a good night for the Elba offense, which had been getting better each and every week.

The Elba defense gave up a big play early in the game that resulted in a Monroe County six-yard line and shut-out the 5A Tigers during the final three quarters. Linebacker Ronnie Davis had another solid night, as did Marcus Parker, who stepped up big and made some key plays in the defensive line. The defense almost blanketed Monroe County in overtime, only to see a halfback pass hit its mark despite a heavy rush. The Elba defense got pushed around at times during the season; however, Friday night it played as hard as it could and played well enough to win. It just wasn't to be for the luckless Tigers.

It would be easy to point at Elba's 2-8 record and write about how bad this team was. However, while the '97 Tigers will be remembered for their less than impressive record, they should also be remembered as a team that refused to quit, despite the odds, and always left the field exhausted after giving 110 percent. The seniors played for three head coaches in four years and had to adjust every time a new coach took over, but the players were always ready to do whatever the coaches said, and never once made any excuses. The Tigers went down to defeat more times than not, but will be remembered as a team that never quit, and fought until the final horn. All Elba fans should appreciate the effort and let the players know that it was obvious that they gave their all.

ELBA FOOTBALL DYNASTY HAS CRUMBLING QUICKLY

Just five years ago the Elba Tigers were considered one of the top high school football teams in the state, regardless of class, and were celebrating winning their second state championship in four years. The Tigers celebrated with a championship banquet and the players still wear their rings; however, times have certainly changed since the end of that season. Since Coach Mack Wood retired, the Elba Tigers have posted a record of 13-19, and in the past 22 games the Tigers' record is 6 wins and 16 losses. That record is certainly nothing that Elba fans thought would ever happen, but it is, and again proved that no team can stay on top forever, even our own Elba Tigers.

What has caused the sudden decline of the Tiger dynasty? There is no doubt that the retirement of Coach Wood after 18 years at the Elba helm led to a change in attitude, as did the resignation of Coach David Lowery after just two seasons. However, I don't think we can point all the blame at the fact the Tigers have had three head coaches over the past four years. Elba fans must also admit that as the student population has declined in recent years, so has the number of student-athletes at the school. The talent pool at Elba is far from being empty, but it isn't as deep as in the years past, and that is simply a fact. Another factor has been the lack of winning at the junior high level. The Elba Junior High Tigers have won only four games over the past four years, and I for one believe that once the players get used to losing, they will continue to lose. The junior high program was one of the best around back when the Tigers were winning state championships, and every kid in school wanted to play football and be a part of the success. As the losses have mounted, the thrill of playing football is no longer that great, and many potential players have found other things to do. There is no easy answer to the question about the decline of the Elba football dynasty. Elba's dynasty wasn't built overnight and wasn't built by one team or one coach. It took years, and may take a few more years to rebuild. Until then, all Elba fans have to support the program and suffer through the losses.

1998 ELBA SCHEDULE WILL FEATURE FIVE NEW TEAMS

When the Elba Tigers hit the field next season their schedule will include some of the old, and some of the new, as a total of five new opponents will dot the Tigers' schedule. Back from the '97 season will be Opp, Andalusia, Laverne, Geneva and Geneva County, while new faces on the state will be Brantley, Florala, Clayton, Slocomb and Straughn. Coach David Sikes said that the Tigers need to play more teams their own size as they rebuild, and that the schedule might be easier than usual, as the Tigers will still play only three schools with a smaller student population than Elba High. It is always fun to play new teams, and maybe that means that next season will be a lot of fun for everyone involved.

Here is how the schedule shapes up - Brantley, Elba, Laverne, Lufkin, Opp, in Elba; Florala, in Florala; Geneva County, in Hartford; Geneva, in Elba; Straughn, in Elba; Clayton, in Elba; Andalusia, in Elba; and Slocomb, in Slocomb. Area opponents will be Clayton and Slocomb, as both teams will be moving up to the 3A ranks next season.

AREA TEAMS ENJOY FINAL WEEK OF REGULAR SEASON

The tenth and final week of the high school football season was held last week, and I got a chance to watch three of the four area teams play due to changes in scheduling. Here's a quick look back...

KINSTON (2-8) won for the second straight week and earned a playoff berth by clobbering Houston Academy 41-13, on a rare Wednesday night contest. It was obvious from the opening kick that the Bulldogs were determined to claim a win and get a playoff spot, and that is just what they did. Sophomore quarterback Bishop Edwards had taken his week he had a banner night on both offense and defense, and sparked the "Dogs" to the big win. While other teams were getting tired late in the season, the Kinston players were just catching their breath, and just getting ready to make their move. I know the 2-8 record isn't anything to brag about, but these Bulldogs have nothing to hang their heads over, and should be commended for their play in a very tough season.

NEW BROCKTON (6-4) pounded Zion Chapel 47-0 on Thursday night to wrap up a winning season and the Coffee County school system football championship. The Gamecocks had one of their better teams in many years this season, and overcame a rash of injuries to claim six wins and become one of the area's top 2A clubs. In the win over Zion Chapel it was easy to see that the Gamecocks have as much speed as any team around, and that the program is on solid footing. Next year the Gamecocks will move out of the area with Laverne and Goshen, and with another year of hard work and dedication, should be ready to make some

noise in the playoffs. Believe me, the Gamecocks are here to stay.

ZION CHAPEL (4-5) lost its chance at a winning record in its big loss to New Brockton, but for a team that last spring was all but given up for dead, a record of 4-5 is nothing to be disappointed about. Coach Randy Grant and his staff started from scratch back in the spring and knew it would be a slow rebuilding process, but Coach Grant quickly instilled a renewed sense of pride up at Zion Chapel and the four wins were proof that the football program at Zion Chapel is far from dead. Everyone at Zion Chapel is to be commended for their effort this season, and for putting Zion Chapel back on the map.

BRANTLEY (6-4) closed out the regular season with a 21-0 win over J.U. Blacksher, and in doing so won the area title and the homefield advantage in the playoffs. The Bulldogs were expected to have a strong team this season after suffering through a losing season in '96, and despite the fact the Bulldogs were still one of the youngest teams around, they did indeed improve this season and won their area. While the Bulldogs may still be a year or two away from being a state title contender, they have made major strides and all the Brantley fans know that better days are indeed ahead.

STATE TITLE IS TRIBUTE TO KINSTON'S COACH RHOADES

When the Kinston Lady Bulldogs walked off the court Saturday morning in Birmingham after winning the state volleyball championship, it was a tribute to the dedication of the students and supporters of Kinston High School, but more than that, it was a fitting tribute to the coaching career of Coach Amelia Rhoades. Coach Rhoades was one of the first in the state to begin a girls' volleyball program at the high school level, and over the years she has taught the sport to all of the girls at the small Coffee County school. She chalked up her 400th win at the Region Tournament in Mobile, and last weekend capped off the career by bringing the state championship back home to Kinston. Coach Rhoades' career has touched more than just the students at Kinston High School, as over the years she has single-handedly helped boost the sport all across the state. She often teaches volleyball camps across South Alabama, sponsors a camp at Kinston for anyone to attend, and will tell anyone within hearing range just how great a sport volleyball is. The recent boom in volleyball at both the high school and college level has been nothing short of amazing, and you can bet that Coach Rhoades has done her share of helping bring the sport to the limelight. Congratulations, Coach Rhoades, you have been a true innovator in the emergence of girls' athletics, and no one ever deserved to win a state title more than you, and your team!

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STATE PLAYOFFS ARE READY TO START ACROSS STATE

The Alabama High School Athletic Association will begin the state football playoffs this week all across the state, with thirty-two teams taking part in every class except Class 1A, where thirty-one teams will begin the chase for a state championship. Following is a preview of the playoffs in all six classes...

CLASS 6A - Jeff Davis, the defending champ, will limp into the playoffs with a 5-4 record, and appear to have little or no chance at repeating, while Vidor will enter the post-season party with a perfect record and could be headed back to the top after a long absence. Other teams to keep an eye on will include Central, of Phenix City; Vestavia Hills; Dothan; and Robert E. Lee. Notable teams not making the playoffs will include Opelika; Northview; and Central, of Tuscaloosa.

CLASS 5A - Blount, the defending champ, has taken its lumps from the 6A foes, but has strolled past everyone else and could have a shot at repeating, while Elbow has been one of the top teams in the state throughout the year and have to also be a favorite. Other teams with a real shot at bringing home the top prize from Birmingham will include Sylacauga, Greenville, Stanhope Elmore, and Athens.

CLASS 4A - Defending champ Fayette County cruised to a 9-1 slate, but lost to Gordo in its season finale, and may not be as strong as everyone thought, while T.R. Miller and Alexandria have the playoff experience to make another run at the title. Other teams to keep an eye on will include W.S. Neal, Dale County, Deshaire and Midfield. This appears to be the most competitive class in the playoffs.

CLASS 3A - Defending champ Colbert County is back with an 8-2 record and has to be considered the team to beat, while Briarwood Christian has been building a powerhouse for years, and could be ready to claim a title. Other teams to keep an eye on include UMS-Wright, Winston County, Good Hope and West Morgan. Class 3A is usually a hard class to pick, but Colbert County is without a doubt the team to beat.

CLASS 2A - Three-time defending state champ Clay County rolled to another perfect season and will carry a 53 game winning streak into the playoffs, while Lineville, the team that lost to Clay County in last year's finals, is also strong and wants another shot at the state's all-time winningest team. Other teams to watch include Laverne, Cottonwood, Hazle-

wood, South Lamar and Excel. This is a very competitive class and should provide plenty of fireworks.

CLASS 1A - Defending champ Maplesville is back, but will carry an 8-2 slate into the playoffs, and doesn't appear to be the clear cut favorite to win it again, while Verbena will enter the post-season party at 10-0 and should be a team to beat. Other teams to keep an eye on include Billingsley, Addition, Cedar Bluff and Hackleburg. This class is wide-open and it too should be fun to watch.

DUSTING OFF THE DESK...

I guess now everyone will admit that Alabama simply is not a good college football team. I don't know if the reduction in scholarships is the main reason, or the new ideas brought in by the new Tide assistants have led to the downfall. Whatever the case, this year's Alabama Crimson Tide simply is not a very good team and it will take a few years before the Tide is back to its usual spot in the poll and national standings. I just hope the Alabama fans will be smart enough to realize what has happened and give Coach Duijze time to turn the thing around. It won't be easy, but it can be done with the support of all the Tide supporters.

The Alabama High School Athletic Association's high school football playoffs bring excitement for all the teams involved, and give sports-writers like me something to write about in the week's prior to basketball. However, the expanded format put into place a few years ago has many teams that have no place in the playoffs make the field, and often times teams that have no place in the playoffs have to sit home. This year a total of six teams with only two wins are in the playoff field, and one team with only one win is in the playoff party. I know that there is no sure fire way to make certain the best teams are in the playoffs, and do feel like Kinston deserves a shot after battling back late in the year, but something is wrong and needs to be fixed.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PRIMED FOR PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office over the weekend and made it clear that he was more than ready to get started with his playoff picks. The local guesstimate hit on 39 of 45 picks last week to close out the regular season with a 37-7-0 slate, which is among the tops in the state. Here are this week's playoff picks...

KINSTON VS. BILLINGSLEY

I guess if I ever went Bear hunting it wouldn't hurt to take along a Bulldog; however, in this case it looks like the Bears from Billingsley are far too big for the Bulldogs from Kinston to handle, and unless Kinston plays its best game game in years, the Bulldogs could get ripped apart.

BILLINGSLEY 45 KINSTON 0

BRANTLEY VS. NOTASULGA

Brantley will make its return to the playoffs and will be at home to tangle with the Blue Devils from Notasulga. While the Bulldogs are still a year or two away from making a run at another title, they should have more than enough to convert the 'Devils.

BRANTLEY 20 NOTASULGA 12

OTHER PICKS:

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Clay County 21 Paramount 0
Laverne 40 Geneva Co. 0
Florala 36 Houston Co. 6
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Cottonwood 14 Goshen 8
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Rehobeth 17 St. Clair Co. 15
UMS-Wright 17 Fultondale 13
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Lanett 28 Abbeville 7
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T.R. Miller 41 Dallas County 20
Handley 20 Pike County 6
Stanhope Elmore 24 Jackson 17

SPORTS

Host Zion Chapel for three games

Tigers tip-off season Tuesday night

The Elba Tigers will tip-off their 1997-98 basketball season on Tuesday night, Nov. 18, when they host the Zion Chapel Rebels, in a renewal of a rivalry between the two cross-county schools.

The B game is set to begin at 5:00, with the Varsity game beginning at 6:15 and the Varsity boys to begin at 7:30.

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Friday night, one local hunting lodge owner will treat the entire party to a southern style fish fry - at no charge. Visiting hunters will get a taste of Alabama's wild game Saturday night at a free supper given by the staff of Quality Preservations, Linden's local deer processing plant.

Reservations must be made early for this peak rutting season hunt, and there is a limit on the number of hunters that can be accepted. For more information, call John Halley at 334/295-4151 days and 334/295-5572 nights, or Huntmaster Lenora Mosley at 334/627-3279.

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ELBA HIGH TIGERS 1997-98 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Nov. 18	Zion Chapel *	Home	5:00
Nov. 21	Florala	Away	6:00
Nov. 25	New Brockton *	Home	5:00
Nov. 28	N.B. Tournament	N.B.	TBA
Nov. 29	N.B. Tournament	N.B.	TBA
Dec. 2	Goshen	Home	6:00
Dec. 4	Zion Chapel *	Away	5:00
Dec. 5	Opp	Away	6:00
Dec. 9	Headland *	Away	5:00
Dec. 12	Brantley Tournament	B.H.S.	TBA
Dec. 13	Brantley Tournament	B.H.S.	TBA
Dec. 15	Enterprise	Away	6:00
Dec. 18	Rehobeth *	Home	5:00
Jan. 6	Florala	Home	6:00
Jan. 9	Clayton *	Home	5:00
Jan. 13	Headland *	Home	5:00
Jan. 16	Hillcrest	Home	6:00
Jan. 20	Goshen	Away	6:00
Jan. 23	Rehobeth *	Away	5:00
Jan. 26	Opp	Home	6:00
Jan. 27	Enterprise	Home	6:00
Jan. 30	Clayton *	Away	5:00
Feb. 3	Georgiana *	Away	5:00

(* Denotes JV Boys, V Girls and V Boys)

Tigers fall in O.T. 14-13

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers saw a disappointing season come to an even more disappointing end Friday night as the Monroe County Tigers scored on fourth down in overtime and then added the all-important extra-point to edge Elba 14-13, in front of a large homecoming crowd at Elba's Tiger Stadium.

The loss left both teams with a final record of 2-8 for the season. Both teams lost fumbles on their initial possessions of the game; however, Monroe County found the handle on the ball on its second series and covered 63 yards in only three plays to get on the scoreboard.

The key play in the quick scoring drive was a 62-yard completion from Brian Brickly to Will Barkley, while the score came on the next play when Brickly sneaked over from a yard out. Jordan Elbrecht added the extra-point, and with 7:23 left in the first quarter Monroe County was ahead 7-0.

The Elba offense came to life on its ensuing possession, and behind

the running of Julian Mitchell, the Tigers drove 46 yards in five plays to reach a first down at the Monroe County 22-yard line.

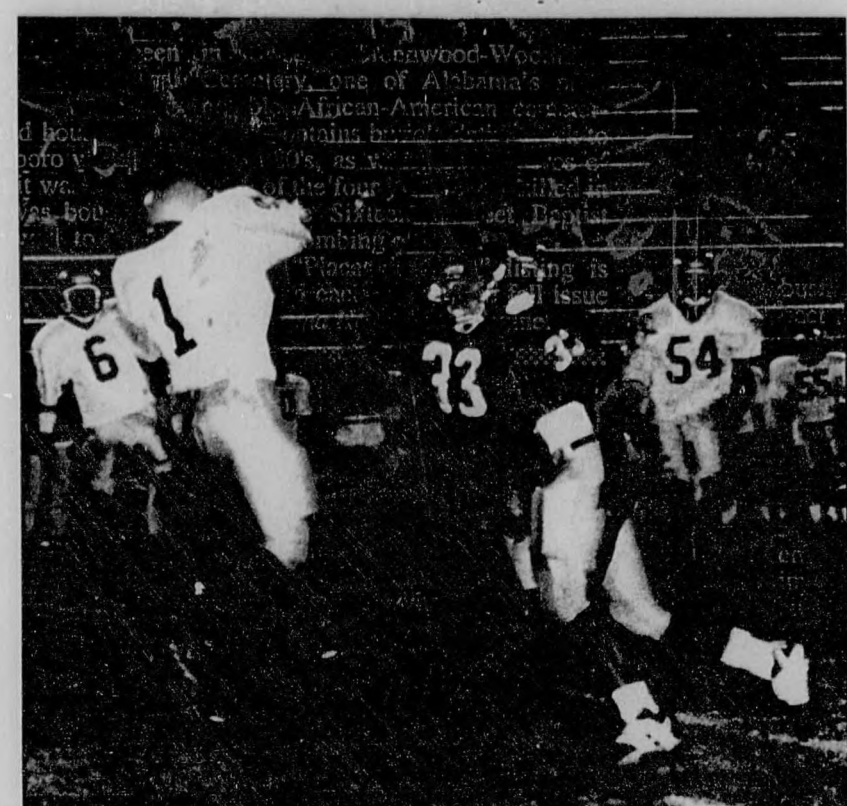
Mitchell gained 39 yards on four carries during the drive, but the Tigers came away empty-handed when a second down pass was intercepted at the Monroe County 5-yard line.

Elba regained possession only one play later at the Monroe County 29-yard line when Johnny Coleman recovered his second fumble of the quarter, and this time the Tigers cashed in on the scoring opportunity.

Julian Mitchell gained 26 yards on three carries to spark the scoring drive, and it was Mitchell that scored the touchdown on a 19-yard dash. Marcus Parker added the extra-point, and with 2:41 left in the first quarter Elba had pulled even at 7-7.

The teams swapped punts on the next three offensive series, with Elba winning up with the ball at its own 38-yard line with 6:47 left in the second quarter.

An 11-yard run by Derek Marler



Elba's Jawaune Hughes (33) applies heavy pressure to the Monroe County quarterback.



Elba running back Julian Mitchell (5) looks for a place to go as two Monroe County defenders close in.



Elba fans were in attendance looking for an Elba win.



Marching Tiger Elizabeth Stephens performed at half-time Friday night.

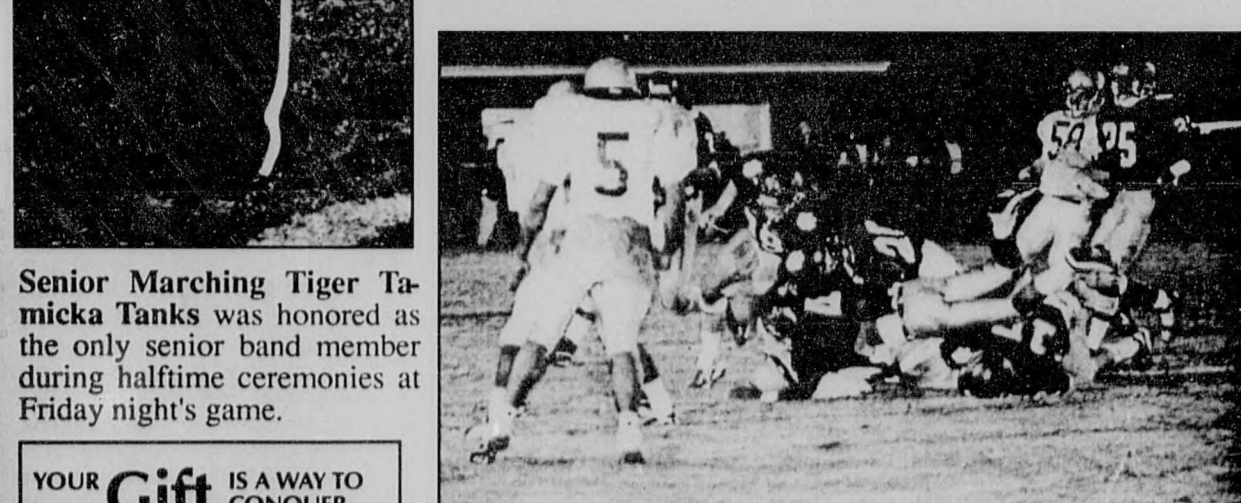
(left) Elba's Garret Boutwell (44) makes a quarterback sack in the Tiger loss Friday night.



ELBA HOMECOMING QUEEN AND HER COURT...were introduced to the large crowd Friday night prior to the Elba-Monroe County football. Pictured above are (l-r) Sophomore Attendee Stephanie Williams and her father Steve Williams, Senior Attendee Ayida Cumberland and her uncle Dewayne Morland, Queen Andrea Carnley and her father Kenneth Carnley, Junior Attendee Julie Roberson and her father Bob Roberson, and Freshman Attendee Valerie Moore and her father Rachel Moore.



Senior cheerleaders Kerry Kelley and Shannon Lott keep the spirit during the Tigers' homecoming clash Friday night.



Elba's Keni Mitchell (4), Ronnie Davis (89), Derrick Duncan (25) and Wade Parker (15) combine to stop a Monroe runner for a short gain.

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Ends season with 6-4 record

'Brockton raps Rebels 47-0

Statistics By Andrea Medley

The New Brockton Gamecocks closed out their season on a winning note last Thursday night by spanking the Zion Chapel Rebels 47-0, at Gamecock Stadium.

The win gave New Brockton a final record of 6-4, while Zion Chapel closed out the season with a 4-5 record.

Neither team moved the chains on their initial possession of the

night, however, the Gamecocks recovered a Rebel fumble at the Zion Chapel 42-yardline midway through the opening stanza and covered the distance in six plays to get on the scoreboard.

Lee Flowers was the workhorse of the drive, as he gained 36 yards on four carries, and scored the touchdown on a 10-yard run. A two-point run failed, but the Gamecocks were on top 6-0 with 5:30 left in the first quarter.

Zion Chapel's offense showed

signs of life on its ensuing possession, and behind the running of Junior Jones, the Rebels drove across midfield. The drive came to an abrupt halt when New Brockton's Andre Flowers intercepted a Rebel pass, and after a 50-yard interception return, the Gamecocks found themselves right back in business at the Zion Chapel 8-yardline.

Two plays later Lee Flowers scored on a 5-yard dash, and this time the two-point conversion was successful, as New Brockton upped its advantage to 14-0 with 10:34 left in the half.

The two cross-county rivals swapped fumbles on their next three offensive series, and neither team threatened to get into the endzone for the remainder of the stanza, and at the half the Gamecocks went in with a 14-0 advantage.

New Brockton scored almost immediately in the third quarter, as the Gamecocks ran a no-huddle offense after the kickoff, and Jason Allums hit Lee Flowers with a short screen-pass that turned into a 65-yard touchdown play. The extra-point try failed, but with only 29-seconds gone in the third quarter New Brockton had increased its lead to 20-0.

New Brockton partially blocked a Zion Chapel punt on the Rebels' next series to regain possession at the ZC 25-yardline, and this time it took the Gamecocks five plays to reach paydirt.

A 20-yard gain by Jimmy Lunsford on a reverse was a key play in the scoring drive, while the score came on a 3-yard run by Jerry Haynes. Robby Kinsaul added the extra-point, and the Gamecocks were off and running with a 27-0 lead with 7:30 left in the third quarter.

The Gamecocks regained possession on a Zion Chapel punt, and marched 45 yards in five plays to get right back into the endzone!

Anthony Hutcherson had a 25-yard run during the scoring drive, while the score came when Lee Flowers raced around the end from 20 yards out. The extra-point try was successful, and New Brockton's lead was up to 34-0 with 2:44 left in the third quarter.

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signs of life on its ensuing possession, and behind the running of Junior Jones, the Rebels drove across midfield. The drive came to an abrupt halt when New Brockton's Andre Flowers intercepted a Rebel pass, and after a 50-yard interception return, the Gamecocks found themselves right back in business at the Zion Chapel 8-yardline.

Two plays later Lee Flowers scored on a 5-yard dash, and this time the two-point conversion was successful, as New Brockton upped its advantage to 14-0 with 10:34 left in the half.

The two cross-county rivals swapped fumbles on their next three offensive series, and neither team threatened to get into the endzone for the remainder of the stanza, and at the half the Gamecocks went in with a 14-0 advantage.

New Brockton scored almost immediately in the third quarter, as the Gamecocks ran a no-huddle offense after the kickoff, and Jason Allums hit Lee Flowers with a short screen-pass that turned into a 65-yard touchdown play. The extra-point try failed, but with only 29-seconds gone in the third quarter New Brockton had increased its lead to 20-0.

New Brockton partially blocked a Zion Chapel punt on the Rebels' next series to regain possession at the ZC 25-yardline, and this time it took the Gamecocks five plays to reach paydirt.

A 20-yard gain by Jimmy Lunsford on a reverse was a key play in the scoring drive, while the score came on a 3-yard run by Jerry Haynes. Robby Kinsaul added the extra-point, and the Gamecocks were off and running with a 27-0 lead with 7:30 left in the third quarter.

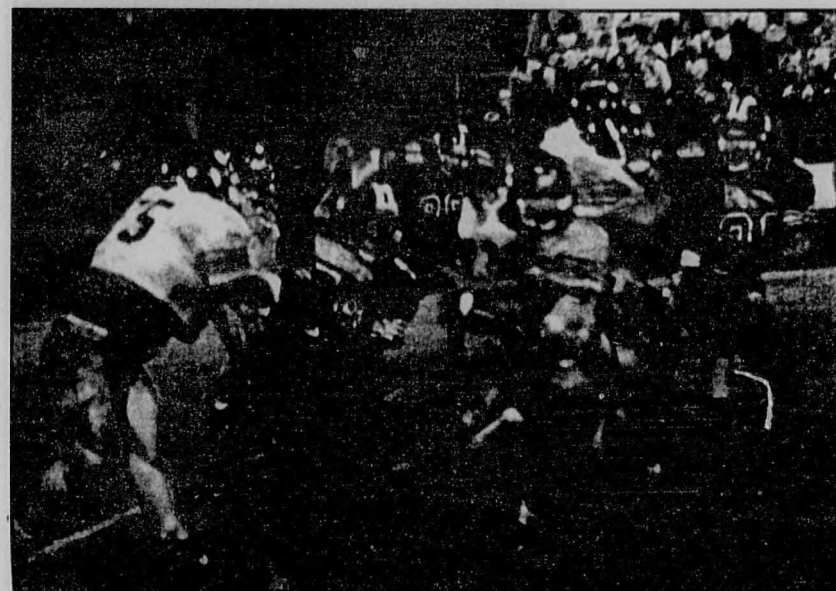
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New Brockton's Jason McKenzie (22) looks for room to roam in the Gamecocks' 47-0 win over Zion Chapel. McKenzie gained 77 yards on 4 carries in the win.



Zion Chapel's Eric Shaddix (30) bursts through a hole in the New Brockton defense during last week's cross-county battle with the Gamecocks.

New Brockton's Lee Flowers (33) is off and running with Zion Chapel's Brandon Helms (50) in hot pursuit. Flowers gained 124 yards on 9 carries and scored 3 touchdowns as the Gamecocks rolled to a 47-0 win and claimed the county football crown.

New Brockton's lead had ballooned to 41-0 over their neighbors from North Coffee County.

New Brockton added a touchdown with only 1:08 left on the clock when Anthony Hutcherson broke loose on a 50-yard sprint, and although the extra-point try failed, it made no difference as New Brockton claimed the 47-0.

Lee Flowers gained 124 yards on 9 carries and scored 3 touchdowns to spark the Gamecock running attack, and also pulled in 2 passes for 90 yards and one touchdown. Jason McKenzie added 77 yards on 4 carries, and Anthony Hutcherson gained 75 yards on just two totes.

Junior Jones led Zion Chapel with 49 yards on 14 carries while Ben Pritchett added 26 yards on 8 carries.

STATISTICS

NE	1st Downs	ZC
17	319	8
138	Running Yds.	96
457	Passing Yds.	151
6-8-0	Total Offense	111
3	Passes	2-10-2
	Fumbles Lost	2

Zion Chapel's Junior Jones (7) tries to get outside New Brockton defender Jimmy Lunsford (98) during action in last week's Gamecock win over the Rebels.

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RECREATION REPORT

Football equipment needs to be returned

Anyone that still has football equipment rented from the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation should return the equipment as soon as possible. The department provided the equipment at a minimal rental fee for all players involved in the Youth Football League, and if this policy is to continue, the equipment must be returned. A \$10 refund will be given to all players returning their equipment.

Basketball registration now underway

Registration is now underway for boys and girls wishing to participate in the 1997-98 Youth Basketball League, in Elba. This year there will be leagues for boys ages 8 and Under, 10 and Under, and 12 and Under, and for girls ages 8 and Under, 10 and Under, and 12 and Under. The leagues will practice and play all games at the newly renovated Elba Recreation Center, located at 764 North Claxton Avenue. Registration for the leagues is \$10 per person, with a \$25 maximum for a family. Registration forms are available at the Elba Recreation Center, City Hall and at the Elba Elementary School. For more information contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Coaches needed for basketball teams

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is now seeking coaches for the upcoming Youth Basketball League season. Teams will be offered for boys and girls ages 8 and Under, 10 and Under and 12 and Under, with all games to be played on Saturdays at the new Elba Recreation Center, located at 764 North Claxton Avenue. Anyone interested in coaching should pick up a coaching application at the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation. For more information, contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Tae Kwon Do karate classes offered

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is now offering Tae Kwon Do USA karate classes for both youth and adults. The instructor for the classes is Crystal Wing, a certified instructor and award-winning karate student. Student fees are \$30 per month, \$30 for two family members, \$75 for three family members and \$100 for four family members. The classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights, and on Saturday mornings, at the Elba Recreation Center. For more information, contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Aerobics classes being taught

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is now offering low-impact aerobics classes at the Elba Recreation Center, located at 764 North Claxton Avenue. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 until 6:30, with Sabrina Kelley being the instructor. Child care is available at a minimal cost. The cost is \$25 per month, per person. Anyone interested should attend one of the classes to register, or may contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Recreation sponsors being sought

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has begun its annual drive to find sponsors for youth teams involved in various sports offered by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation. For a \$50 donation, any individual or business may sponsor a team in the sport of its choice, and have its name placed on the sleeve of the team jersey. Sponsors offered for sponsorship include boys basketball, boys baseball, boys tee-ball, girls basketball, girls softball, girls tee-ball, boys football and girls cheerleading. Over 85 teams took part in the various sports during the 1997 season, and sponsors are needed to help provide the youth of the community with continuing activities. For more information contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.



ROB DRIGGERS, age 5, and his dad, Michael, (pictured with him) enjoyed a day of fishing recently at a private pond. Rob caught several bass, which was very exciting for him!

\$25,000 scholarship offered

Some Alabama high school students have a chance to win a \$25,000 college scholarship in this year's Super Six Championships. The SportsFirst Super Six Scholarship Contest was announced last week by Dan Washburn, the Executive Director of the Alabama High School Athletic Association. The contest will be held at Legion Field on December 13, immediately before the final state championship game to be played at the second annual Super Six High School Football Championships.

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Claim second straight win

Bulldogs bop Raiders 41-13

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

The Kinston Bulldogs claimed their second win in a span of only six days last Wednesday night when they traveled to Dothan and blasted the Houston Academy Raiders 41-13, to earn a berth in the Class 1A state football playoffs.

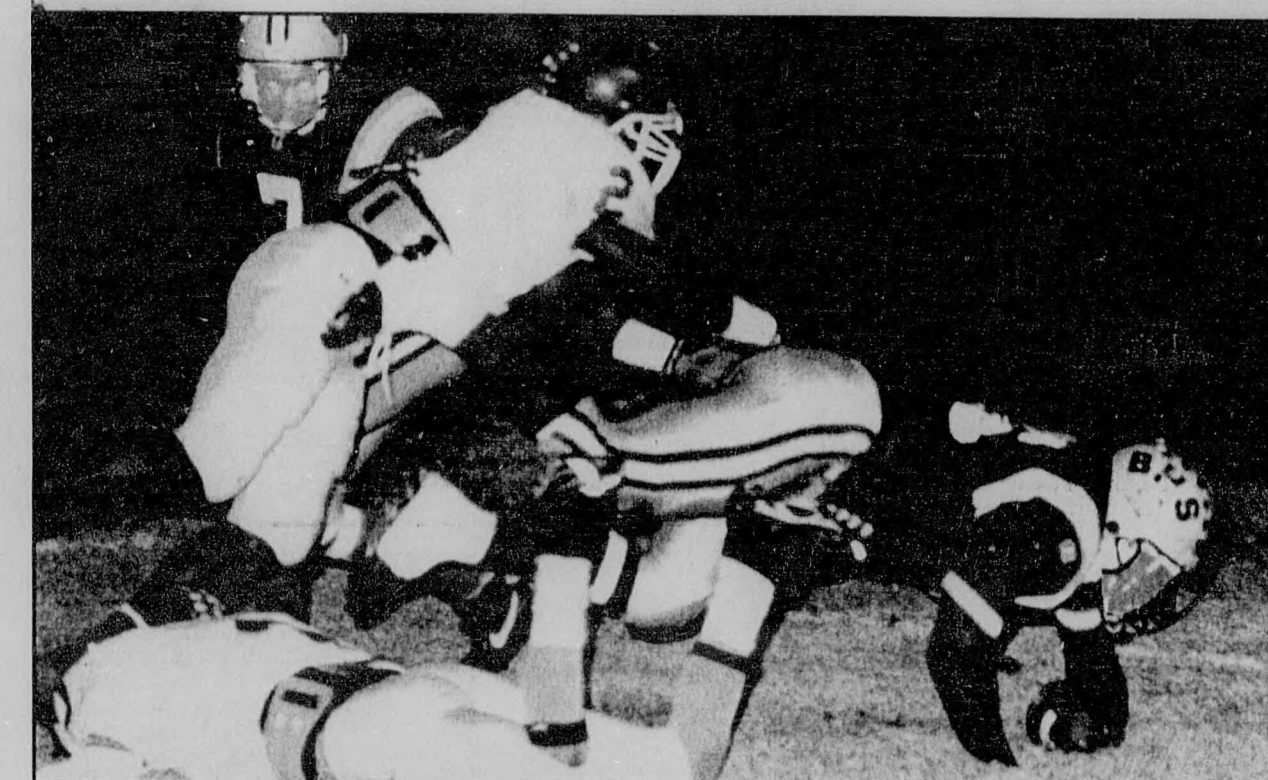
The win pushed the Bulldogs' record to 2-7, 2-1 in Area play, while Houston Academy ended its season with a 3-6 slate, 1-2 in Area action.

Kinston kicked off to open the game, but got the ball back three plays later on a Houston Academy punt, and promptly marched 59 yards in 10 plays to grab the early lead.

Jeremy Osborn gained 27 yards



Kinston's Ronnie Sansom (80) heads upfield for a big gain in Kinston's key area win over Houston Academy. The win gave the Bulldogs the runner-up spot in the area standings.



Brantley's Bo Daniels (2) knocks a Blacksher runner down for a short gain in the Bulldogs' 21-0 area win Friday night. Brantley will begin 1A playoff action Friday night when it hosts the Nottasuga Blue Devils. Kickoff will be 7:30 PM.

Brantley blanks J.U. Blacksher 21-0

By Greg Brunson, Sports writer

The Brantley Bulldogs journeyed to Uriah Friday night and claimed the Class 1A, Area 3 championship with a 21-0 win over the J.U. Blacksher Bulldogs.

The Brantley defense led the way to the area title as it never allowed Blacksher inside its 32-yardline and forced six turnovers. Zack Burnett recovered a Blacksher fumble at the Blacksher 39-yardline on the second play of the game, while on Brantley's second play Bo Daniels took a handoff on a mis-direction play and raced 39 yards into the endzone. Gregory Daniels added the extra-point to give Brantley a 7-0 lead with 10:19 left in the first quarter.

Blacksher took the ensuing kickoff and drove to the Brantley 32-yardline in 10 plays, only to be turned back by the aggressive Brantley defense.

Alan Compton stopped the Blacksher quarterback on a fourth

down and three on Blacksher's next possession at the Brantley 38-yardline, and the Brantley offense quickly moved downfield to get back into the endzone!

Andy Johnson hit Gregory Daniels with a short pass on the first play of the possession, and Daniels broke three tackles and rambled 27 yards across midfield. On the next snap Johnson again went to the air, and this time hit Lucius Hill on a post pattern that covered the 35 yards run with 1:15 left on the clock, and Gregory Daniels tackled on the extra-point to increase Brantley's lead to 14-0.

Zack Burnett intercepted a Tony Dean pass on Blacksher's next possession, but Brantley was unable to cash in the turnover, and went in at the half with the 14-0 advantage.

Alan Compton recovered a Blacksher fumble late in the third quarter at the Blacksher 44-yardline, and Brantley drove to within inches of the goal line, only to be pushed back to the 30 by a

rash of penalties. Gregory Daniels attempted a long field-goal try, but the kick failed to find the mark, and the score remained at 14-0.

The two area rivals exchanged five turnovers during the game's final seven minutes, as Tony Dean making two fumble recoveries for Blacksher and Alan Compton and Bo Daniels both making recoveries for Brantley.

Darrell Owens scored the final touchdown of the night on a five yard run with 1:15 left on the clock, and Gregory Daniels tackled on the extra-point to increase Brantley's lead to 21-0.

Gregory Daniels ended Blacksher's last-second scoring try with an interception, and at the final



Kinston's Bishop Edwards heads for the corner of the endzone in the Bulldogs' big 41-13 area win over Houston Academy. Edwards, a sophomore, scored two touchdowns running and threw two touchdown passes in the win that put the Bulldogs in the 1A playoffs.

after making the catch and sprinted 63 yards for a touchdown. Jeremy Osborn again hit the extra-point try to push the Bulldogs' lead to 28-7 with 2:44 still left in the wild third quarter.

Kinston's Shane Lunsford intercepted a Raider pass and returned it 22 yards to the Houston Academy 16-yardline with 2:21 left in the stanza, and the Bulldogs scored in only four plays to blow the game open.

Fred Edwards gained 7 yards on the drive's first three plays, while Bishop Edwards crossed up the Raider defense on fourth and one when he faked inside and raced 9 yards to the corner of the endzone. Jeremy Osborn kicked his fifth straight extra-point, and with :29 still left in the third quarter the Bulldogs were in complete command with a 35-7 lead.

Houston Academy marched downfield on its next possession with the aid of two major distance penalties against the Bulldog defense, but the defense rose to the challenge as the Raiders neared the goal line, and came up with the play of the game when Ricky Morris stepped in front of a Raider receiver at the Kinston 2-yardline and raced



A Kinston running back looks upfield after pulling in a pitch-out during the Bulldogs' 41-13 romp over Houston Academy. The Bulldogs will travel to Billingsley this week in the opening round of the Class 1A football playoffs.

down the sidelines 98 yards for another Bulldog touchdown. The extra-point try sailed wide; however, it was all over but the shouting as Kinston was on top 41-7 with 10:09 left in the game.

Houston Academy scored on its next possession when Chris Leverette bulled over from two yards out to climax a 61-yard, five play drive. The two-point conversion failed, and with 7:29 left in the game the Bulldogs' lead stood at 41-13.

Houston Academy threatened twice more against the Bulldog reserves, but Kinston turned back both drives and held on to claim the big 41-13 victory.

Bishop Edwards gained 55 yards on 9 carries and scored two touchdowns, and also hit on 8 of 13 passes for 115 yards and two touchdowns. Fred Edwards added 53 yards on six carries, and Ronnie Sansom caught 4 passes for 81 yards on six carries, and one touchdown.

Chris Leverette gained 93 yards on 17 carries and scored one touchdown to lead Houston Academy on the ground, while Ben Brantley caught 7 passes for 82 yards and one touchdown.

The Bulldog defense was sparked by Clint Cowen with 6 tackles, while Ricky Morris added 5 tackles and pass interception for a touchdown, and Matt Winstead also had 5 tackles. Bishop Edwards had two interceptions and Shane Lunsford added 4 stops and also made an interception.

STATISTICS

K	1st Downs	HA
14	231	143
115	Rushing Yds.	112
346	Passing Yds.	255
8-13-2	Total Offense	10-30-4
22	Fumbles/Lost	2/1
4-23	Passes	5-32
65	Punts-Ave.	5-32
	Penalty Yds.	45

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Alabama Historical Commission lists "Places in Peril"

The Alabama Historical Commission has compiled the 1997 list of endangered historic sites in Alabama, and pertinent information on each. These include:

The City of Bridgeport - Perhaps the most pristine of the state's late 19th century "boom towns," Bridgeport faces pervasive and complex threats, such as the near abandonment of its downtown commercial area and encroaching modern industrial development. A concerted effort is needed if this community is to maintain its distinctive historical character.

Old Greene County Courthouse Complex, Eutaw - The focal point of this outstanding and attractive mid-nineteenth century judicial complex is a serene 1868 courthouse with cast-iron balconies and tall shuttered windows. Since completion of a new county facility across the street, however, the complex stands neglected and deteriorating.

Slave Quarters, Statewide - Only a few of these small one- or two-room structures, usually of log or frame construction, still stand, but they serve as a reminder of an important, if tragic, part of the state's past and are a physical link to the heritage of a large portion of the state's population. The Historical Commission is attempting to document all slave quarters still standing.

Melton Hollow, Lauderdale County - Settled in the 1800's, this rare assortment of early farm buildings in a pristine setting offers a glimpse of a lost way of life. Owned by Champion Paper Company, the complex has been set aside as one of Champion's "Special Places in the

Forest."

Local volunteers were to stabilize the log buildings, but nothing has been done. Now a rare four-crib barn is on the brink of collapse.

Salem-Shotwell Covered Bridge, Lee County - One of only 13 authentic covered bridges left in the state, the Salem-Shotwell Bridge is a fine example of a type of bridge design known as the Town Lattice Truss.

The bridge badly needs structural repair and treatment with a fire-retardant preservative, but the county has shown little interest in maintaining the structure and has even considered selling it to a private citizen who would relocate it to an open field.

Brierfield Furnace, Brierfield Ironworks Historical State Park, Bibb County - The remains of Brierfield Furnace offer a rare view of iron-making practices in the 1880's and 1890's.

The only furnace in the state built solely by the Confederates, Brierfield supplied iron to the Selma Arsenal for the manufacture of the Brooke cannon.

A grant will provide funds for covering the stack to protect it from ice and rain damage, but public and private money is needed for archaeological work and preservation of the foundations.

Vicksburg and Brunswick Depots, Etowah - Alabama's finest Reconstruction-era depot, built in 1872 during the heyday of the American railway industry, the sturdy V&B Depot would make an attractive space for any number of uses, but

the First Methodist Church, owner of the building, is undecided about the log buildings, but nothing has been done. Now a rare four-crib barn is on the brink of collapse.

Historic Mill Villages, Statewide - In communities such as Cordova, Bemiston, Huntsville, Prattville, Selma, Tallapoosa, and Valley, well-planned mill villages built by the textile industry in the post-bellum, South helped recruit agricultural workers to the city.

Some villages still thrive as neighborhoods, but many have been neglected. Local governments could provide financial incentives to restore the homes and by preventing haphazard and inappropriate development such as has occurred in Valley.

Copeland House, Blount County - One of two surviving antebellum brick houses in Blount County and one of the few surviving in the entire mountain region of the state, the elegant, Federal-style Copeland House represents a little-known element of antebellum society in the Appalachian region. Restoration must be undertaken soon to maintain the historic integrity of this important artifact of Alabama's mountain culture.

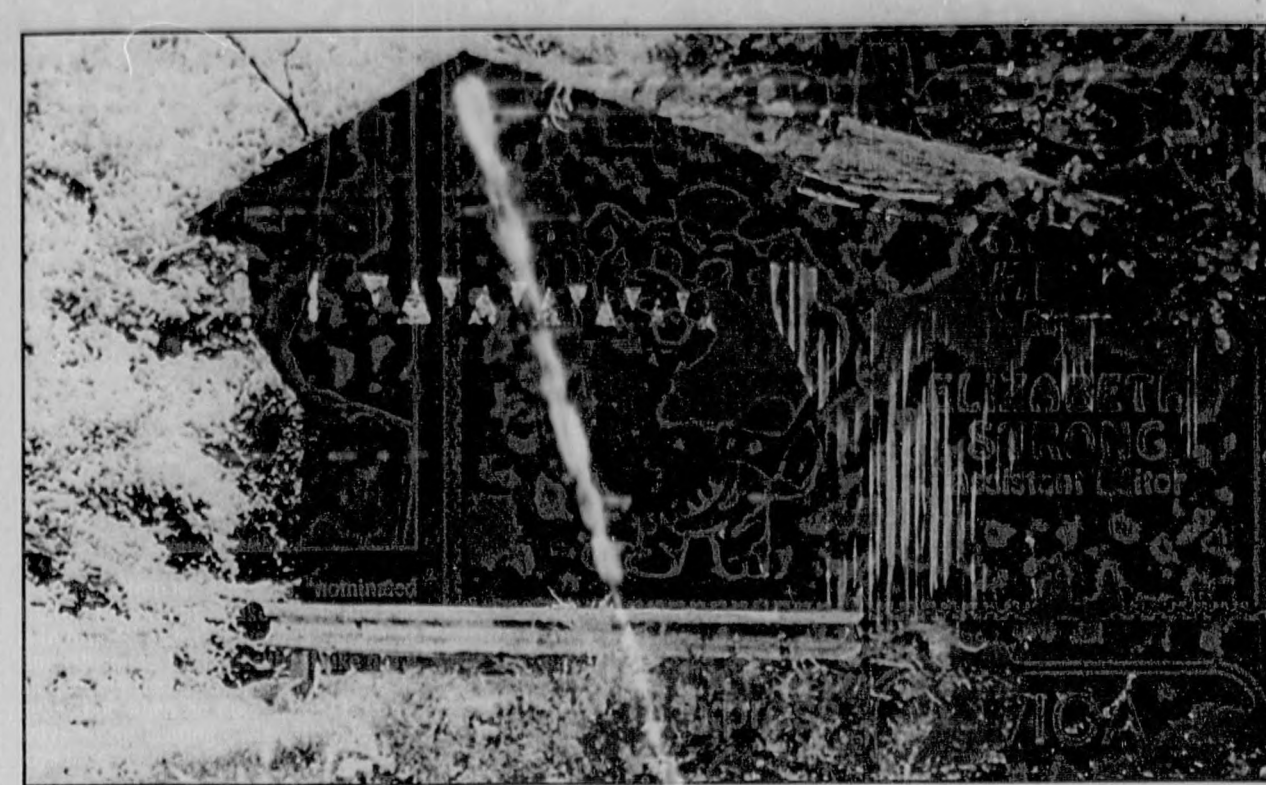
Nat King Cole House/Belaire Neighborhood, Montgomery - The birth place of singer Nat King Cole and the historic black residential neighborhood of Belaire surrounding it lie in the path of an expanding university, Alabama State.

Ironically, it was probably the presence of this historically black college that attracted many African-American families to settle in this turn-of-the-century suburb.

The Nat King Cole Society has negotiated purchase of the house and would like to restore it as a museum, but so far they have received little support, while ASU slowly razes the community around it.

The New Empire Theatre, Montgomery - was scheduled to be included in the 1997 "Places in Peril" list, but was unexpectedly demolished by Troy State University, Montgomery, in August.

Opened in 1917, the New Empire stood as a site of historical distinction, both for the building itself and what happened in and around it. Hank Williams got the break he needed when he won a contest in Montgomery in 1938, and also on Dec. 1, 1955, at the bus stop in front



Salem-Shotwell Covered Bridge

of the theatre. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to white passengers, thus launching the Civil Rights movement.

Some landmarks have been given a new lease on life recently, including the old Tallapoosa mill complex, once a Confederate armory, and also one of the Deep South's major manufacturing complexes during

pre-Civil War days. It has been acquired by the Talasi Historical Preservation Society.

Also, an elegant old house called "Chantilly" in Greensboro was highlighted in 1995 when it was about to be demolished, and was bought by an expatriate and moved to a new site.

The City of Birmingham stepped

in to save Greenwood-Woodlawn Cemetery, one of Alabama's most notable African-American cemeteries. It contains burials dating back to the 1880's, as well as the graves of three of the four young girls killed in the tragic Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing of 1956.

The "Places in Peril" listing is published each year in the fall issue of Alabama Heritage magazine.

Consider organ donation at Christmas time

The National Kidney Foundation's Holiday Resolution Campaign urges all Americans to join the campaign, and "recover the true spirit of the season" by signing organ donor cards.

This campaign offers opportunities to help thousands who are waiting in various kinds of lines paying for their survival to receive the prize on the shelf - a new organ, the gift of life.

According to the National Kidney Foundation of Alabama, more than 50,000 Americans are waiting for

life-saving organ transplants (kidney, liver, heart, lungs, bone marrow and pancreas), and nine to 10 people die each day while waiting for a donor organ.

In Alabama alone, approximately 1,000 people are on the waiting list. "The holiday season is an excellent time to consider organ donation because it is the ultimate gift," says William L. McGuffin Jr., M.D., president of the National Kidney Foundation of Alabama at 334/265-1033.

"It's also a way of bringing the

family together for a meaningful discussion. At the time of donation, it's the next of kin who must sign a donation consent form, so your family needs to know what your wishes would be."

The Foundation provides free organ donor cards and a brochure about donation.

For more information and a free organ donor card, call the National Kidney Foundation of Alabama at 334/265-1033.

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ESTATE OF LENA N. GRIMES, DECEASED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 28th day of October, 1997, by the Hon. William O. Gammill Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Sara G. Moore 11-6,13,20,27 chg

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
DOES HEREBY ORDER that the following notice be published for four consecutive weeks beginning on Nov. 6, 1997, and ending on Nov. 27, 1997. All claims should be filed at Floyd Construction Co., Inc., P.O. Box 485, Troy, AL 36081 during this period.

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Derek Matthew Christiansen, whose whereabouts are unknown, must appear in said court on or before 12-22-97, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. DR 97-95, Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama.

Done the 24th day of October, 1997.
Jim Ellis, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Linda L. Lund
Legal Services Corporation
119 South Foster Street
Suite 101, Houston Place
Dothan, Alabama 36023
(334) 793-7822
Attorney for Plaintiff 10-30;11-6,13,20,27 chg

LEGAL NOTICE

Couch Construction, Ltd. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the City of Elba for construction of Project No. 99-307-162-169-701 in Coffee County.

This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on Nov. 13, 1997, and ending on Nov. 27, 1997. All claims should be filed at P.O. Box 98, Andalusia, AL 36420 during this period.

Couch Construction, Ltd.
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ESTATE OF L. G. ALLEN, DECEASED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of November, 1997, by the Hon. William O. Gammill Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ BILLY TURNER 11-13,20,27Chg

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROBATE COURT
Default being made in the terms of that certain real estate mortgage executed by Anthony L. Hatbuck, a single man, to SouthTrust Bank of Coffee County, Alabama, dated and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 111A, at Pages 192-195, which mortgage, the debt secured thereby and all rights, title and interest of said Mortgagee in and to the property secured by the mortgage, hereinafter referred to as the "Mortgage," assigned to SouthTrust Bank, National Association, successor in interest to SouthTrust Bank of Coffee County, a banking institution, as appears of record in said Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, at Pages 192-195, and said default continuing, notice is hereby given that the undersigned SouthTrust Bank, National Association will on the terms of said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash the highest bidder in front of the court house door of Coffee County in Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of December, 1997, the following described property, to-wit:

Lot No. 2, Block "C" of Cedar Estates Subdivision, First Addition, a subdivision to the City of Elba, Alabama, as the same is recorded in Flat Book 1, Page 73, Office of the Judge of Probate, Elba, Coffee County, Alabama.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness and expenses incident to the sale, including but not limited to, a reasonable attorney's fee, as provided by the terms of said mortgage and the laws of the State of Alabama.

Said property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions contained in said mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate where the above-described property is situated. Said property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use, and/or enjoyment, and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled here to.

SouthTrust Bank, National Association, a corporation, as successor in interest to SouthTrust Bank of Coffee County, Alabama, by
Marty W. Harter
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Coffee County Farm-City Week Awards Banquet set for tonight

by Marvin McLlwain, Editor

On Thursday, November 6, a press conference was held by the Coffee County Farm-City Week Committee to announce its award recipients.

During this time, several individuals and families were recognized for their contributions to the agricultural and business communities.

Before making the presentations, Mike Root, chairman of the Farm-City Week Committee, gave a brief overview of Farm-City Week and what it means to Coffee County.

He noted that local farmers and businessmen make a significant impact not only on Coffee County but on the nation.

Root pointed out the fact that total agriculture is the number one industry in Alabama. Today's average farm produces 13 percent of the world's food supply. Also it creates an average of four jobs.

The purpose of the week is to create a better understanding of the important contributions farm and city residents make to the well-being and prosperity of each other.

It is important that our farms and cities remain strong and healthy. After all, they have helped make America a world leader. Now more than ever, it is important that city and farm dwellers understand one another, their similarities, their differences, and their interdependence.

Neither the farm nor city can exist in isolation.

The following awards were made:
*Coffee County's 1997 Farm of Distinction - Boyd Farm in New Brockton managed by L.A. Boyd IV.

*Conagra Top Broiler Producer - Bret Rogers.

*Conagra Top Pullet Producer - Glen Rogers.

*1997 Peanut Award 250+ Acres - the Nicholson Farm in Elba operated by Ronny Nicholson.

*1997 Peanut Award 50-250 Acres - Weeks Farm in the Holley's Store Community operated by Allen Weeks.

*1997 Cotton Award - Carney Farms in the Ino Community operated by brothers Kenneth, Larry, and Terry Carney.

*1997 Livestock Production Award - McDaniel Farms in Enterprise operated by Glenn, Larry, Gary, and Joe McDaniel.

*Outstanding Conservationist - Tom Blacktop.

*Poster Contest Winners: Grades K-3 - Melanie Mulaz; and Grades 4-6 - Lasey Carlie.

The highlight of Farm-City Week will be the banquet which is held each year in the Farm Center located in New Brockton. The above awards will be formally presented at this time.

This year's event is set for tonight, Thursday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m.

